

FORMER LEDGER CITY EDITOR WRITES HOME

Miss Ruth Taylor, a former city editor of the Ledger, who is teaching journalism in the College of Agriculture, of the Philippines Island, writes the following interesting letter of her trip across the Pacific and her experiences since landing:

College of Agriculture,
Los Banos, Laguna,
Luzon, P. I.
July 22, 1921.

My Ledger Friends:—

The days drift by. I am already infected with the virus of the Orient, that disregard of the passing of time which infects one as soon as he sets foot on Eastern soil. The Tropics—the land of well-meaning and ever-intending.

Here I sit at my desk overlooking Laguna Bay with jagged mountains beyond her further shore and turning my head ever so slightly, I see Bana-hao's lofty head wreathed with chiffon clouds. The winds and showers come marching down Mount Maqueling, (rich with legend) and the bananas bow obedience and the acacia tree scatters her poppy-red petals in the billowing grasses.

Los Banos is a paradise of tropical beauty. I live on a foothill of Mount Maqueling and the college buildings stand in the valley below. The college is well equipped, and affords instruction to nearly six hundred students. In this department of the university, we have the boys in various degrees from savagery up—most of them barefoot, some wearing chemises, and many wearing pineapple blouses, and two thirds of them dress shirt-tail-out. In Manila, the university boys are glossed over with an American veneer and are more dandified. I think we come nearer the real heart of the Philippine people in our contact with these boys out here. I have twelve dialect groups represented among the 135 boys under my care. I also have a few Chinese and Japanese.

In spite of the discomforts of pioneer life, the nibbling of the knick-knacks and the branding of the mosquitoes, and the various inoculations I have undergone, the malaria that looms ever in the foreground, a dreary spectre, I can not regret my adventure. My trip out to Vancouver opened up new worlds to one who knew only the Middle West and a bit of the South. The great Canadian plains whose utter desolation and dreary expanse weigh and depress, nevertheless fascinate. And later those superb gray and buff rock castles towering above the pine clad bases and capped and laced with snow. The pines, the firs—the many-fingered firs—the flowers, the noisy mountain rivers, the reckless falls, the placid lakes, the blue mountains, the wilds of British Columbia, the gorges, more green rivers, the dog-wood flinging her stars out among the first, the ferns growing out of the rocks—I am neither naturalist nor artist.

As the train drew into the yards I looked toward the harbor and saw the Empress of Russia gleaming white on the blue water under a blue sky. She was late in sailing, so I had two days in which to enjoy Vancouver with the ruddy cheeked Brit-ishers.

Aboard, on the twenty-seventh of May, I watched the filling of the hold and the closing of the hatches accompanied by the unintelligible shouting of the Chinese sailors, and at ten o'clock we silently slid out of the harbor, the lights of Vancouver twinkling behind us.

I was never really sea-sick, tho I did experience that dull swimming head with inability to think connectedly. But the rail was not for me. I reserved no space there. At last, Japan, mixture of heavenly beauty and squalor, the immaculate and filthy, silk and rags. There was the beauty of the miniature mountains of fantastic shapes, folding in the smooth waters of the harbors; there were twinkling fishing fleets on the black ocean of night; there were curious sail boats, both alert and listless, wet and glistening in the sun.

Ashore, we dashed past diseased street dwellers, rischa men pressing, swarming like magots, beady-eyed, muscular, and stepped into shops to marvel at pieces of carved ivory, satsuma and other choice pieces of art. It is this curious juxtaposition of degradation and art, misery and beauty, which is the first impression of Japan.

Bennie Cline, a Missouri boy now working on the Japan Advertiser as the Yokohama representative, met me in Yokohama and together we went to Tokio where several former classmates, now on the Advertiser, dropped out of the rush long enough to give me a genuine party at a quaint funny tea-house, and to show me other delights of Tokio. I had also a perfect day in Kobi, and two days in Nagasaki where I saw the coaling of the ship by unspeakably degraded men and women—think of it! Women standing barefoot in the coal boats or rafts, the rain drenching them, lifting baskets of coal all day long! The ugliness, the nakedness of the Orient can not be exaggerated. I thought of the dozens of babies that one sees at every turn, "You cunning little things! Will you, too, grow up dwarfish, scabby, wrinkled, leather-skinned?"

Are you growing bored? I have yet to record Shanghai. Long before we reached the mouth of the Yellow River

AUDRAIN LEADS STATE OATS CROP RECORD

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 12.—Missouri's 1921 corn crop now totals 206,372,000 bushels, according to E. A. Logan of the United States Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, and Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture. The September condition of 86% indicates a yield of 33.54 bushels per acre against 32 in 1920. The production last year was 198,890,000 bushels on 6,215,000 acres.

The farmers of Audrain County on September first, estimate their corn to yield 27 bushels per acre, which would produce a county total of 3,348,540 bushels and the condition was 94% of normal. Threshing returns on oats in this county show a total yield of 1,121,960 bushels. Pasture was 88% of normal fall condition. Audrain again leads in oats.

Missouri corn is 86% of a full crop, forecasting a yield of 33.54 bushels per acre, or 206,372,000 bushels on 6,153,000 acres. In the best corn growing section the crop is as good and possibly better than last year, and the state total is greater but the prospects in the southern third are below last year. This yield has only been exceeded in 1917 and 1912 during the past ten years. The major acreage is well toward maturity, with much of it dented and feeding has already begun with "hogging down" in many sections.

Mrs. Stella Martin, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. T. Cave of Fulton, came to Mexico Saturday where she will take up her duties as matron of Hardin College.

Miss Martha Pratt, a 1921 honor McMillan graduate, now has a splendid position with the Arctic Ice and Storage Company.

Mrs. Robert Lockridge of Mexico went to Fulton Saturday, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Byers.

Miss Hazel McIntyre, daughter of Mrs. John McIntyre, who is attending Missouri University, returned to Columbia Sunday after spending several days at home.

The ocean was disgustingly yellow. We left the Empress Saturday afternoon and went up the river by launch to Shanghai. Shanghai is a European city, PORT SIDE, but with plenty of coolies and rickshaws and odors unpleasant to leave it Oriental. Our party went to a real Chinese hotel, ate impossible Chinese food and had our nerves unstrung by a Chinese musician whose tortured scale sounded like seven devils in revolt. We went to a Chinese carnival and saw a Chinese show. Beggars trod upon our heels and cried for rice, and yet all yellow Shanghai seemed to be eating around the sweet stands in the native shopping district.

On Sunday morning I bought one dozen perfect Easter lilies from a flower vender, buried in his cart under a mass of bloom, for twenty-five cents, gold!

I hated to leave backward Shanghai with her women wearing pants and the men, long braids, where traffic flows left, directed by tall East-Indians wearing cardinal turbans, short blue capes and carrying long rifles. After Shanghai there were long nights of watching the phosphorescent waves rolling away from the ship and days of watching the flying fish splashing in and out of a glassy sea. The water was so calm that it appeared oiled, the old voyagers called it a glassy sea. The Chinese cabin boy said "Schmoo seal! schmoo seal!"

I was steeled to meet intense, suffocating heat at Manila. I have to laugh now when I think of the fiery furnace I expected. I have rejoiced for five weeks over my disappointment on that score. Out here at Los Banos we are rarely uncomfortable when we stay in the shade. However, the sun is so intense, the glare so strong, that I think that is what induces the drowsiness and consequent laziness. I know no other way to explain it, for I have not been really as hot as I used to get on some near-May days crossing the square in old Mexico, Mo., but I am absolutely purposeless. My tardy letter is only one indication of the "let er slide" poison that seems to get in both brain and muscle.

I expect to have a bit of travel thru the islands and then another royal ocean voyage home, and then more newspaper work. I think I will come back home with memories rich enough to compensate for the loss of two years from that hustling, buzziest place on earth, the newspaper office. I suppose the hickory nuts will be dropping before I set myself to the task of recording for you my impressions and bits of knowledge of the Philippines. But I think my report will be more true to the ideals of a reporter if I let my early impressions ripen, in this case. It is so easy for injustice to bedone a foreign people by the superficial and hasty curiosity of the visitor.

Very Truly Yours,
RUTH TAYLOR.

Receives no Bids For Improvement of Liberty Street

No bids for the improvement of East Liberty Street were received at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night. It was moved by M. T. Vandegrift that they re-advertise for bids to be opened September 26. The motion was carried.

The report of the cemetery superintendent was made. The report showed that for the month closing September 12, eight persons had been buried in the local cemetery. Of this number, six were white and two colored.

A statement was made by W. S. Eller, chairman of the finance committee. This was as follows:

September balance
General Fund \$1,087.90
Light \$5,083.96
Library \$1,440.70
Cemetery \$ 248.96
Septic Tank \$6,890.62
Vehicle \$ 442.83

M. T. Vandegrift, head of the street and alley committee, requested that he be empowered to put Agricultural Street in condition for travel. His request was acted upon favorably.

Resolutions for laying sidewalks along the following places were made: Along the R. E. Elliott Estate, Whitley Street.

Along the Mrs. Minnie Rodgers Estate, West Love Street.
In front of the home of George R. Burns, Charles Dunn, Dave Gibbs, Luther Petty, Mrs. J. E. Guerin, J. F. Cuthorn, Green Tomlinson, H. L. Hammond, John W. Gregory, Mrs. F. C. Wothemath, J. W. Pratt, T. R. Bruce, Miss Frances Payne and J. B. Owen.

The council ordered the street and alley committee to have the drain along the property of D. H. Cauthorn improved.

M. Eller suggested that the city repair the walk along the property of Charles E. Hughes on Anderson street and charge to expense against the property. A motion to this effect was carried.

CONDITION OF B. A. POWELL IS IMPROVED TODAY

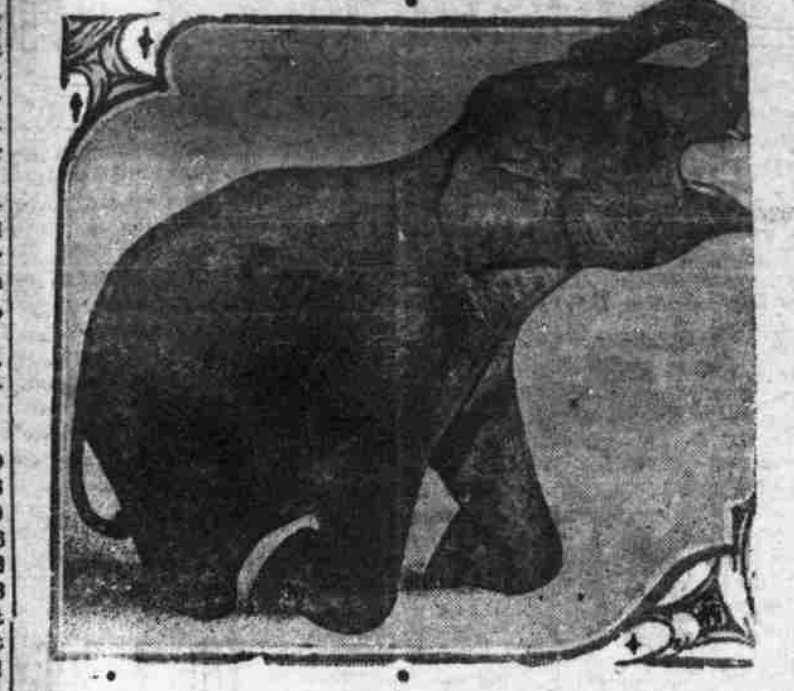
The condition of B. A. Powell, who was struck by an automobile Saturday continues to improve. It was found that there was no injury to the skull as feared at first and physicians feel that he is out of danger.

Condition is unchanged.
The condition of Mrs. Jasper Stephens, who is very ill at her home in Martinsburg, is almost unchanged, according to messages received by relatives in Mexico Tuesday.

Marne Anniversary.
Seven years ago Saturday September 10 the German and Allied armies were battling fiercely near that famous river the Marne. There the Germans suffered their first defeat when they found they could not break through the thin line of French and English soldiers. On Sept. 10, 1914 civilization was saved from the culture of imperial Germany.

Mrs. Grover Debo and daughters, Agnes and Hazel, have returned to their home in Kansas City after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Warner Debo and other relatives.

Circus Life Has Its Home Side For All



Circus life is not without its reward. The work is hard but the life is in the open. The fields and the trees are green. The skies distil health for all nature. Husbands, wives, sons, daughters, uncles and aunts travel together. Like the snails they take their homes around with them. These homes are the sleeping cars. Necessarily, they are modest in space, but they are made to bloom cheerily by a genuine domestic pride. The feminine touch of refinement is to be seen about the living parts of the circus tents as well as in the cars. The dressing tents have no hardwood floors, but soft carpets are spread over the grass and on these each artist gathers her little party. The boys and girls go to the circus school and study with greater zest because of splendid physical health and six months separation from school routine. Their teachers the furnished by the management.

When the big show comes to Mexico on Thursday, September 15th, the first thing that will be noted is its vast improvement. From its first day of existence it has grown rapidly year by year, but never before has it shown such progress as in the recent years.

Play 4 Games at Home.
Following are the scheduled stops between the Missouri University Tigers and the Missouri Valley Championship for 1921:

October 1, Oklahoma A. & M., at Columbia.
October 8, St. Louis University at St. Louis.
October 22, Kansas Aggies at Manhattan.
October 29, Drake University at Columbia.
November 5, Washington University at St. Louis.
November 12, Oklahoma University at Columbia.
November 24, Kansas University at Lawrence.

Home-coming day will be celebrated on November 12, in conjunction with the Oklahoma game.
Caddies to Golf.
The caddies at the Mexico Country Club will be allowed the use of the golf links every Monday morning from 9 to 12. Only licensed caddies who work regularly will be extended this privilege. A caddy tournament will be held later in the Fall.

Forms Oil Company.
An oil company known as the Boone County Development Company of Columbia made announcement last Saturday of its organization. The company has fifty members of Boone County men and has leased 12,500 acres north and northeast of Columbia.

Church Gains 64 Members.
The Tulip Christian Church north of Centralia now has the second largest membership of any church of that denomination in Monroe County. A recent revival added sixty-four members to the congregation.

Mrs. Carl Dobyns is better.

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Presbytery to Meet Tuesday at Laddonia

The Presbytery of Missouri will meet at Laddonia, Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p. m., and will be opened with a sermon by Rev. D. M. Stockard the retiring Moderator.

On Wednesday the following program will be observed besides the routine business:

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Dr. W. O. Shewmaker, pastor, Columbia Church.
2:00 p. m. "Reviving Country Churches," Rev. George Washburn.
2:30 p. m. "The Spiritual Element of the Progressive Program," Rev. M. H. Knox.

8:00 p. m. "Crime, It's Cause and Cure," Hon. N. T. Gentry.

The public is cordially invited to be present at all the exercises of the Presbytery.

H. B. BARKS, Pastor.

Mrs. A. C. Wright, who has been visiting her brother, A. Guy of the Fulton County Club, returned to Mexico Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Sartor of Mexico, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Hughes of Fulton returned to Mexico Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Barre and son, William Barre, have returned from a two months' visit at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Miss Pearl Lyle of Mexico was a business visitor in Fulton Saturday.

C. P. Arnold went to Vandalla Tuesday on business.

Ed C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools, spent Monday visiting rural schools.

L. A. Beach is in Ottumwa, Ia., on business.

Returns From Trip on Board Submarine Chaser

Alex Hope, former city editor of the Ledger was in Mexico Tuesday, having returned from a cruise on the Mississippi River on board one of the three submarine chasers which were taken to St. Louis and turned over to the naval reserves there. Mr. Hope will be in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday and will then go to Princeton, N. J., where he will enter Princeton University.

Mr. Hope reports a fine trip all the way from Pensacola to New Orleans the weather was particularly good. At New Orleans, the crews of the three vessels were given an automobile trip over the city. The trip up the river might have been difficult, owing to the fact that the submarine chasers are too large for river travel, but there was a six feet rise of the river, when they reached Memphis which made the rest of the trip comparatively easy. The trip up the river took nine days.

Corrects Statement.

The statement, which was made in a recent issue of the Ledger that Mrs. D. H. Stone, who has been in the hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., for some time had returned to Mexico was a mistake. Mrs. Stone is remaining at Battle Creek for further treatment but is expected home the last of this week.

Mrs. J. C. Ringo is a little better.

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